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For: BLEACHING OF MEDIUM CONSISTENCY
PULP WITH OZONE WITHOUT HIGH
SHEAR MIXING

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Sir:

In full response to the final Official Action mailed June 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIM

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CLEAN COPY OF THE CLAIM:

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Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A method for bleaching medium consistency cellulose pulp comprising the steps of providing a stream of said cellulose pulp, generating a stream of ozone-containing gas consisting essentially of a carrier and ozone at a concentration of at least 20% by weight, and radially injecting said stream of ozone-containing gas into said stream of cellulose pulp so as to provide a stream of bleached cellulose pulp without using a high-sheer mixer during said steps.

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